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The comparison between the journalism of the 1980's and the present day, shows that many things have changed. The author gives a brief summary of these changes: technological breakthroughs, the intake of new professionals etc. Computing has enabled production costs to be brought down. A great number of the media in Catalan would not have been possible without this. Furthermore, journalists have learnt how to express themselves in Catalan with complete normality. Despite this, however, the Catalan language has a broader presence in the regional press, whereas the main newspapers in Barcelona are published in Spanish. The author states that those Barcelona newspapers published in Spanish are somewhat afraid of changing language, because there is a broad sector of the population who are Spanish speakers. As far as readers preferences are concerned, it has been proven that people want to find out what is going on in their most immediate surroundings. The author believes that in the future, newspapers containing local and regional information, and those containing more broadly-based information, will continue to exist. This information will, however, make up the newspaper as a whole. Local information will be dealt with as it deserves and the Catalan language will come more to the fore.

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